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Part of Hummelstown's "kid" Auxiliary Fire Corps shown during recent exhibition at State College. Seasoned firemen were so impressed they voted the group \$30 in prizes. (Story on Page 2).

## State Exceeds Salvage Quota

Pennsylvania, already far over its quota of 100 pounds of scrap metal per capita, continued to lead the nation in total collections as the United Scrap Drive entered its final week.

Until this week, 261,301 tons of household scrap was reported with Philadelphia leading in collections. Combined figures on household, industrial, auto graveyard, and special projects showed well over 560,000 tons collected.

## GAS OFFICERS ARE NAMED IN STATE

Responding to a request from the S.C.D., 23 Pennsylvania counties have appointed Senior Gas Officers who will serve as a nucleus in training Decontamination Squads and others in gas defense, according to William A. Gorman, Senior Gas Officer of the S.C.D.

The 33 counties asked to appoint Gas Officers were selected on the basis of population or vulnerability.

Counties and their Gas Officers are:

Adams, Dr. John B. Zinn; Allegheny, Dr. Thomas R. Alexander; Armstrong, Earl Whiteman; Butler, W. G. Helsel, Jr.; Cumberland, Dr.

The Newspaper Scrap Drive ended a week ago, and reports are still being compiled on the School Campaign which concluded Saturday. The general drive will continue until the end of the month.

Warren R. Roberts, chairman of the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Salvage, paid tribute to the newspapers and other groups for "their excellent and patriotic work in putting Pennsylvania over the top."

E. A. Vuilleumier; Dauphin, Frederick A. VanCleve; Delaware, William J. Noctor; Erie, W. Edwin Conn; Franklin, John J. Shank; Lackawanna, Dr. James J. O'Connor; Lancaster, Dr. Page M. Schildnecht; Lawrence, A. Lowry Wilson; Lebanon, Abram S. Stauffer; Lehigh, Dr. Philip H. Newman; Lycoming, Edward L. Smead; Mercer, Erling F. Rosholdt; Montgomery, Dr. Edward L. Haenisch; Philadelphia, Capt. Joseph Chandler; Schuylkill, George W. Lindeman; York, Guy S. Boyd; Fayette, Arthur Kramer; Elk, Ben Gerg; Warren, Victor Ver Milyea.

## ASSISTANT NAMED

Alfred S. Holt, of the State's Public Service Institute, has been appointed assistant Chief of Training for the S.C.D. to serve under R. Chapman Carver.

## DRIVER TRAINING

The State Council of Defense is planning a series of four-day meetings for each of its eight regions to train instructors in the Drivers Corps.

Beginning early in November, the sessions will be conducted by Prof. Amos E. Neyhart, head of the Institute of Public Safety, Pennsylvania State College. A schedule is being arranged and will be released in the near future.

## Evacuation Heads Discuss Program

Pennsylvania's master "blueprint" for evacuation in event of heavy enemy bombings was outlined in detail this week at the first statewide meeting of County Evacuation and Welfare Officers.

Governor James, chairman of the S.C.D., and Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director, spoke at the session, which was held in Harrisburg Wednesday under chairmanship of G. Albert

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Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, director of new S.C.D. program of Day Care for Children of Mothers in War Industries, is busy making plans to meet this problem where it is most acute. Advisory Committee to assist her will be named soon.

## New System Used In Blackout And Drill This Month

A new system of transmitting orders for air raid drills by telephone only a few minutes in advance of the starting time was inaugurated successfully by the State Council of Defense this month.

Tried for the first time in the 15-minute daylight drill on Oct. 14, the telephone messages were credited with minimizing advance "leaks" and lending more realism to the test than the sealed instructions previously sent out by mail.

The system was used again in connection with the State-wide blackout held from 8:45 to 9 p. m., on Monday of this week. The test was reported to be highly successful.

The telephone calls are "fanned out" by the S.C.D. to its eight regional representatives and from them to the County Councils in their region.

The daylight drill was the first staged on a state-wide basis in Pennsylvania and also the first to test school preparations.

## Blackout Rules To Cover Plants

The new Army order bringing war plants under blackout control of the State Council of Defense is an important step toward the "ultimate" type of blackout drill, said Dr. A. C. Marts, S.C.D. executive director.

The order, effective in Pennsylvania on Nov. 1, provides that "all manufacturing plants and establishments, including Federal agencies, will comply with the instructions for practice or actual blackouts issued by the State in which they are located, even though this means a temporary cessation of production . . ."

"All of our drills during the past months have been leading to the ultimate highest grade, which will be an air raid drill and blackout practice initiated by the Army," said Dr. Marts. "This signal would come from the Third Service Command without any advance notice to the civilian organization."

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## HEADS DISCUSS PROGRAM

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Stewart, director of the S.C.D. Evacuation Authority.

Stewart outlined evacuation procedure for the area west of the Susquehanna River, and Sydney E. Martin, vice-director, gave instructions covering eastern Pennsylvania.

### Types of Areas

"Our general plans have been ready for some time," said Stewart, "but we have just received authority from Federal officials to designate which are evacuation areas and which are reception areas. This we will do after consulting with the county officers and the Army. Some counties will have both types of areas."

Surveys will be made by county officers and their advisory committees covering evacuation or billeting of school children, expectant mothers, and aged persons.

Names of county evacuation officers not previously announced are:

Bedford, William D. Covalt; Berks, J. P. Costello; Blair, C. L. Sandrus; Butler, Vernon L. Wise; Cambria, Morris D. Thomas; Cameron, Leonard G. Barnes; Centre, Roy D. Anthony; Chester, Claude S. Johnson; Clarion, Lyle C. Logue; Clearfield, G. M. Gillette; Clinton, Robert W. Emery.

Crawford, John H. Bozie; Cumberland, J. Boyd Landis; Delaware, Mrs. William Jaquette; Elk, I. J. Meenan; Erie, Major William H. Supplee; Fayette, Burton E. Tarr; Forest, Gilbert S. Hevenor; Greene, Morgan Henderson; Jefferson, L. E. Startzell; Lawrence, J. Orville Potter.

Lehigh, Frank J. Haberle; Luzerne, Seward C. Simons; Lycoming, Harold A. Brown; McKean, E. O'Neil Kane, Jr.; Mercer, Henry Williams; Monroe, R. L. Dengler; Montgomery, Mont. H. Wright; Northumberland, Claude C. Renn; Potter, Rev. G. Paul Keller; Schuylkill, Howard C. Snider.

Snyder, Lucena Bingham; Susquehanna, Howard Maynard; Tioga, S. L. Boom; Union, Ralph M. Reish; Venango, Harold R. Clark; Warren, P. C. Ostergard; Washington, John N. O'Neil; Wayne, Arthur J. Wall; Westmoreland, William M. Berlin; Wyoming, Robert Shoemaker; York, Kenneth L. Cox.

## BLACKOUT RULES

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"After a period of practices involving all these war plants in which we can demonstrate that everyone in Pennsylvania is ready to respond to the fullest, we will be ready for graduation to the ultimate type of practice."

Dr. Marts said he was gratified at the steady progress made in Pennsylvania, and predicted that "it won't be long" until the state is ready for an Army-initiated drill.

The Army's new order, issued by Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, commander of the Third Service Command, requires war plants to participate in blackouts for a minimum of ten minutes.

## 'Kid' Corps Aids Auxiliary Firemen

An Auxiliary Firemen's Corps composed of 19 high school "kids" from 16 to 19 years of age has solved Hummelstown's problem of meeting Civilian Defense fire fighting requirements.

The idea was conceived by Ed Spatz of the local fire company, when his efforts to organize an auxiliary unit revealed that men were scarce—either they were working in defense industries or serving with the armed forces.

Given proper authority, Spatz interviewed boys over 16 and went ahead with the training course. The youths raised funds for equipment by selling salvage and canvassing door to door. The "kid" unit has been used in blackouts as replacements in the fire house, and to fight fires when additional firemen are needed.

## AIR RAID DRILL CITED BY MIFFLIN COUNTY

Belated recognition was given at a banquet this month by the Citizens Defense Corps of Zone 2, Mifflin County, for what perhaps was the first real blackout drill in the state, held by the corps last Feb. 5.

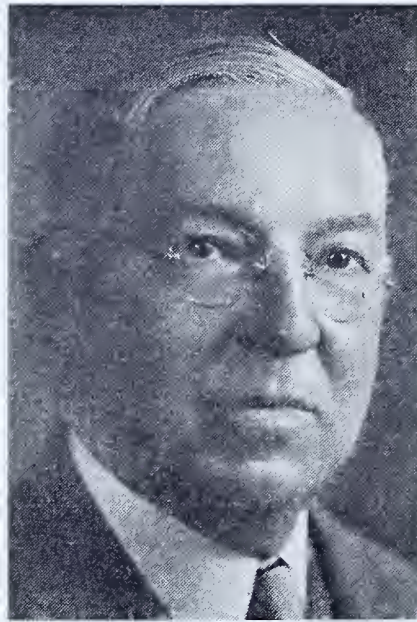
A number of practice "incidents" staged at that time were described as the first of their kind in the state.

## NEW WARNING CENTER ESTABLISHED AT MEDIA

Ralph E. Flinn, Chief Air Raid Warden of the S.C.D., announced this week the establishment of a District Warning Center at Media, Delaware County, and the discontinuance of the center at New Kensington, Westmoreland County.

The double change leaves Pennsylvania with 57 warning centers, each equipped with Army "black box" equipment.

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS



Mayor Cornelius D. Scully of Pittsburgh (left) is chairman of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Council of Defense, and Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia (right) fills the same post for the five-county Philadelphia Metropolitan area.

## IN RADIO BROADCAST

William F. Butler, assistant secretary of the Beaver County Council of Defense, took part in a radio broadcast from Baltimore this month, describing Negro participation in the Civilian Defense program of Pennsylvania and adjoining states.

## STRATEGIC AREAS TO GET STIRRUP PUMPS

Distribution of 2,258,000 stirrup pumps now being manufactured for the O.C.D. will be in accordance with the strategic nature of municipalities, and will be sold at the OPA ceiling price of \$3 to \$3.80.

The O.C.D. approved the pumps, which will supplement the \$56,000,000 worth of fire fighting equipment which it will supply to target areas.

## Volunteers Needed For F. F. F. S. Group

An estimated 15 to 20 thousand volunteers will be needed in the new Forest Fire Fighters Service, according to the State Council of Defense, which has asked County Councils to act jointly with District Foresters in organizing the service.

George H. Wirt, State Chief of the F.F.F.S., has asked each county to appoint a Chief who will confer with the District Forester.

Eight counties appointed Chiefs as follows: Clearfield, Ernest Mulholland; Columbia and Montour, Bruce Henrie; Forest, Raymond Lashure; Franklin, William L. Byers; Indiana, Fred Musser and Walter Schroth; Sullivan, Rosco Cox; Centre, Thomas Mosier.

## CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS WILL BE PERMITTED

Although the S.C.D. has announced that no restrictions are planned against outdoor decorative Christmas lighting this year, many communities have decided to dispense with their street displays.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council, pointed out that Christmas lighting will be permissible from the standpoint of morale, but warned that the decorations must be arranged so they can be extinguished on a moment's notice.

Harrisburg and Bethlehem have decided to withhold their community decorative programs this year, not merely because of blackouts but because of the shortage of materials.

## NURSES' AIDES TRAINED

In graduating 59 additional Nurses' Aides to bring the total to 92 since the beginning of 1942, Lancaster County Council of Defense announced that hospitals in that county have trained five per cent of all the Nurses' Aides in Pennsylvania.

## CHAIRMEN APPOINTED BY SPEAKERS BUREAUS

Fifty-six chairmen have been appointed by Victory Speakers Bureaus throughout the state, according to Mrs. Jean D. Dover-spice, director of the S.C.D. Speakers Bureau. Twenty-five of the appointments are for county bureaus and 31 for local bureaus.



# VICTORY GARDEN PROGRAM GOES OVER THE TOP

## Canning Spurred By Big Harvest

The success of Pennsylvania's 1942 Victory Garden Program could be measured today not only in the thousands of new gardens started but in cupboards and basements well stocked from a bountiful harvest of vegetables.

"We have gone over the top in every way," said Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the S.C.D. Victory Garden Committee. "Reports from county chairmen indicate a tremendous increase in vegetable production—and that means better health and morale for the war effort."

"Equally gratifying is the fact that housewives canned and stored the surplus from their gardens. The efforts of the State committee have been concentrated for several months on the need of building up these home reserves as a cushion against wartime scarcities."

### Publications Cited

Mrs. Eliason, who has visited personally more than 50 counties, praised the spirit and work of the county and local chairmen and also the effectiveness of the State committee's publications, prepared by the executive secretary, Dr. Warren B. Mack, and his colleagues.

The latest publication, "Conserving Victory Garden Products," was given recognition by a national magazine, and copies have been requested from every state and also from Mexico and Canada.

Because of the many difficulties involved, no complete census of new and improved gardens has been possible, but incomplete reports from the 67 county committees and 500 local committees indicate an increase of at least 25 per cent over 1941.

### Acreage Doubled

Gardeners in rural communities increased and improved their plantings, while in cities hundreds of acres of community gardens were started in addition to new home gardens. Vocational agriculture pupils alone planted 1459 acres of gardens—nearly doubling their 1941 total.

Typical of the community gardens were those reported by Victory Garden chairmen J. J. Gackenbach, Lehigh County, and Herman Good, Berks County. The former reported 379 city-sponsored plots in Allentown yielding 462 bushels of tomatoes and 12,000 ears of corn in addition to other crops. Berks County had 3900 school children engaged at 14 garden centers, with Reading alone reporting 100 acres in community gardens.

Based on actual surveys, Lycoming County reported through Chairman Walter E. Peeling a total of 12,317



Mrs. Eliason, State Victory Garden Chairman, shown with A. J. Stratton (left) and Herman Good inspecting part of the 100 acre tract of community Victory Gardens in Reading.

### FOOD BANKS

The State Victory Garden Committee recommended this week that surplus canned food resulting from the Victory Garden harvest be used to establish Emergency Food Banks.

Donations could be asked at Thanksgiving time, and the food could be stored away for use in time of floods, air raids, evacuation, or other disaster, the Committee stated.

gardens, or one for every seven residents. Blair County's chairman, Glenn Bressler, listed 427 old gardens and 142 new gardens in Altoona and about a 30 per cent increase elsewhere in the county.

Chairman A. B. Cober estimated 9,000 gardens in Somerset County, and Oscar C. Lange, of Wayne County, reported 2600 farm gardens and at least 700 other plots. Venango County, according to chairman Virginia Veach, had a 25 per cent increase in gardens.

Numerous garden meetings and Harvest Shows were reported by a number of chairmen, including Mrs. Frank E. Masland, Cumberland County; G. L. Reisner, Fulton County; Walter Krick, Carbon County; and Richard M. Greene, Union County. In Fulton County, the meetings resulted in increased planting of peas and tomatoes.

Philadelphia's chairman, Mrs. E. Florens Rivinus, reported a giant Harvest Show, and Allegheny County, whose chairman was Mrs. Davis S. Gaston, indicated a gain in home gardening far beyond any expectations.

In York County, new gardeners were not confined to regular residents but included a number of "trailer" families, Mrs. C. B. Heinly reported, while in Cameron County, C. E. Koppenhoffer noted that a number of gardens were ruined by flood waters.

Bucks County chairman Helaine Lintleman reported many new gardens and also a project headed by Mrs. Thomas Ross in which 23 emergency food banks totalling six tons of food were set up from garden surpluses.

General increases in gardening were reported by Carl Davis, Columbia County; H. R. VanDeusen, Lackawanna; M. F. Blocher, Bradford; Helen R. Williamson, Mifflin; Albert L. Krommes, Schuylkill; Guy L. Hayman, Chester; L. H. Lebo, Lebanon; and Mabel C. Mobus, Bedford.



Oldest member of S.C.D. Victory Garden Committee is Dr. J. Horace McFarland, 83, whose garden at Harrisburg contains more than 800 rose species and varieties. Author of five books on roses, he is world renowned in field of horticulture.

## 520,419 Members Enrolled in C.D.C.

Membership in Pennsylvania's Citizens Defense Corps has increased 19,000, bringing the total to 520,419 volunteers, according to a report based on figures submitted this month by 25 of the 67 counties. The estimated total need is 780,000.

The Air Raid Warden corps continued to lead the 13 other corps with a gain of nearly 10,000 to bring the total to 182,560 members, or 75,000 over the quota.

Enrollment in the other corps is as follows:

Corps	Membership
Fire Watchers	35,670
Staff Corps	19,590
Auxiliary Firemen	61,983
Auxiliary Police	50,308
Decontamination Squads	3,748
Demolition and Clearance Crews	15,097
Driver Corps	17,490
Food and Housing Corps	20,879
Emergency Medical	37,144
Messengers	38,532
Nurses' Aides	12,598
Rescue Squads	10,500
Road Repair Crews	14,120

## HEATING ADVICE

### BUREAUS OPENED

Bureaus of Advice on Fuel Conservation have been set up by the Philadelphia Council of Defense in each of the city's 15 Volunteer Offices, and similar bureaus are being opened in the four adjoining suburban counties.

The bureaus will be staffed by heating engineers under the leadership of Harry S. Mather, president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

Other counties where fuel oil rationing will affect large numbers of residents are invited by the S.C.D. to set up similar bureaus with the assistance of heating engineers.

### PITTSBURGH CITIZENS

#### SOLVE SIREN PROBLEM

Citizens have aided Pittsburgh's inadequate air raid alarm system with heavy donations of wire and other critical materials needed in installing the 39 sirens purchased by the city.

None of the sirens will be used until completion of the entire circuit. In recent drills the old system of bells and whistles was used.

### FIRE DEFENSE MEETING

Ten states were represented at a Fire Defense Teacher Training and Leadership Conference conducted at the Pennsylvania State College this month under sponsorship of the O.C.D.



## Emergency Autos To Total 100,000

The State Council of Defense has announced that the number of Emergency Vehicles authorized to travel in blackouts will be 100,000 for the entire state. The authorizations will be divided among the counties according to population.

Pennants to identify these vehicles have been ordered by the State Council and will be distributed through County Councils along with authorization cards. The pennants will bear the letters "CD" in red.

A minor revision requiring that flashlights be equipped with orange or orange-red filters was made in Temporary Rule 3. The rule will continue in effect until December 15, when the Council plans to adopt a permanent rule.

Quotas of Emergency Vehicles set for the various counties are:

Adams, 386; Allegheny, 14,315; Armstrong, 826; Beaver, 1,552; Bedford, 388; Berks, 2,413; Blair, 1,456; Bradford, 417; Bucks, 1,007; Butler, 838; Cambria, 2,116; Cameron, 55; Carbon, 660; Centre, 482; Chester, 1,319; Clarion, 359; Clearfield, 903; Clinton, 336; Columbia, 508; Crawford, 656; Cumberland, 710; Dauphin, 1,721; Delaware, 2,919; Elk, 348; Erie, 1,825.

Fayette, 2,068; Forest, 54; Franklin, 677; Fulton, 96; Greene, 435; Huntingdon, 407; Indiana, 785; Jefferson, 501; Juniata, 149; Lackawanna, 3,233; Lancaster, 2,050; Lawrence, 1,013; Lebanon, 698; Lehigh, 1,800; Luzerne, 4,629; Lycoming, 973; McKean, 574; Mercer, 1,033; Mifflin, 420; Monroe, 294; Montgomery, 2,768; Montour, 151; Northampton, 1,745.

Northumberland, 1,324; Perry, 224; Philadelphia, 20,329; Pike, 77; Potter, 180; Schuylkill, 2,427; Snyder, 194; Somerset, 832; Sullivan, 77; Susquehanna, 348; Tioga, 328; Union, 180; Venango, 651; Warren, 427; Washington, 2,111; Wayne, 292; Westmoreland, 3,049; Wyoming, 159; York, 1,723.

### ALLOW GAS DEDUCTION

The O.C.D. has announced that expenditures for gasoline used by civilian defense workers in performance of assigned duties may be deducted as a contribution in computing Federal income tax, but no allowance may be made for depreciation of the vehicle.

### 12 COUNTY COUNCILS

#### NAME WELFARE CHIEFS

Twelve County Councils of Defense have reported their appointments of a Chief of Emergency Welfare Service to the S.C.D.

The Chief will serve on the County Citizens Defense Corps staff to coordinate efforts of private and public agencies in assisting families made homeless by heavy bombing.

Appointments reported were: Cameron, Mrs. Frances J. Woods; Centre, Thomas Williams; Clearfield, R. E. Boyer; Columbia, R. Bruce Albert; Forest, Samuel H. Kohn; Juniata, Charles H. Cupp; Lebanon, Major Seely B. Patterson; Luzerne, Seward C. Simon; Perry, Mrs. Frances Patterson; Philadelphia, Guy H. Bloom; Pike, Frank O. LeCompte; Wayne, Rexford J. Clift.

## News From Local Councils

Mrs. Homer Biddle, Service Corps chief and C.D.V.O. chairman in Blair county, announced that 14 community groups including the Y.W.C.A., Federation of Jewish Women, and a Negro organization are responsible for staffing the Control Center in Altoona one night each week.

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Lieut. Col. W. R. Coyle, chairman of the Bethlehem Area Council of Defense, conducts a broadcast every week-day from Station WSAM, Allentown, during which he makes civilian defense announcements.

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Six quart-size key containers, each holding about 1200 keys, have been filled at the office of the *Pittsboro Express* by readers of the newspaper. . . . At Wilkes-Barre, the key salvage program has been swelled by 12,000 keys of obsolete patterns given by a lock company.

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The Citizens Defense Corps at Fountain Hill, near Bethlehem, was increased to 715 persons at a recent graduation exercise, the first of its kind in the community.

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All sections of Cameron county are ready for future air raid tests since the installation of additional sirens, according to J. A. Haley, county chairman. . . . Volunteers of the county were lauded for their success in manning the Control Center in five minutes.

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The Aircraft Warning Service observation post at Easton was given a high rating by U. S. Army officers after a recent visit. . . . Two women on duty at the observation post at Lancaster startled Army officers with a request for "your credentials" before admitting them.

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New air raid sirens have been purchased by Councils of Defense in North Versailles Township and East McKeesport.

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Twenty-three day nurseries have been opened in Philadelphia and are caring for 1,050 children but additional facilities are needed for several thousand others. . . . A nursery school equipped to care for more than 30 children has been opened at Lock Haven.

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The Snyder County Council of Defense is considering the establishment of 15 canteens, pointing out that its area will probably be among the first to care for evacuees in air raid emergencies.

Seventeen squad headquarters and auxiliary fire stations are now in operation at strategic spots in Allentown, ready for service in the event of bombings. . . . Scranton's system of fire sirens has been silenced for the duration to avoid any confusion with air raid warning signals.

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The Highspire Council of Defense recently dedicated a roll of honor containing the names of 69 men and two women from the community who are serving with the armed forces. . . . Copies of the program were sent to those honored.

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A campaign to enlist 100,000 volunteers in Service Corps activities at Philadelphia will be continued indefinitely, Judge Harry S. McDevitt announced. . . . A total of 10,131 volunteers have been recruited for messenger service.

### PHILA. SEEKS UNIFORM CONTROL OF 182 SIRENS

Philadelphia is placing emphasis on uniform control of its 182 air raid warning sirens, according to a report by the city's Electrical Bureau.

The sirens, 14 of which are five-horsepower and the remainder two-horsepower, are controlled remotely from City Hall and are operated simultaneously, according to the report. The sirens can be operated manually if control lines fail.

### MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO GIVE GAS INSTRUCTION

Five medical schools in Philadelphia and one in Pittsburgh have arranged to give O.C.D. instruction on medical treatment of gas casualties, Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the S.C.D., announced.

The classes will be open only to physicians, starting first with those who are directly engaged in Civilian Defense.

### CARS TO WARN RURAL AREAS OF BLACKOUTS

Air Raid Wardens in rural areas may now use sirens or exhaust whistles on automobiles to spread air raid warnings in outlying areas where sirens do not carry. This method was approved by Secretary of Revenue Edward B. Logan in response to an inquiry by Executive Director A. C. Marts of the S.C.D.

The plan already has been tried successfully in a number of counties including Northumberland, Beaver, Indiana, Armstrong, and Fayette.

### PREPARE MANUAL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS

Dr. Wynn Fredericks, director of physical fitness for the S.C.D., announced that a new manual will be issued by the U. S. Office of Education to assist county directors in intensifying the fitness program in the schools.

"So far, our program has been left largely to local initiative, but this new publication should provide worthwhile guidance, particularly for pre-induction classes," he said.

### EMERGENCY HOSPITAL UNIT IS ORGANIZED

An emergency hospital unit with inside and outside medical squads has been organized by the Medical Disaster Corps of the West Conshohocken Council of Defense.

Fifty-nine members have been certified for the corps and a drive is now underway for additional volunteers. The hospital was the first to be completed in Montgomery county.

### S.C.D. DISTRIBUTES 3 TRAINING MANUALS

New training manuals for three branches of the Citizens Defense Corps are being distributed by the State Council of Defense for use in advanced training classes throughout the state.

The manuals, prepared to conform with Pennsylvania's air raid protection organization, cover the work of Auxiliary Police, Fire Watchers, and Control Center Telephonists.

### 305,726 FIRST AID CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross liaison representative, reported this week that 305,726 First Aid certificates have been issued in Pennsylvania during the past year, and that thousands of other trainees are attending classes.

Certificates issued in other branches were: 41,088 in Home Nursing, 1482 Nurses Aides, 3926 in Canteen, and 8436 in Nutrition.

### JOHNSTOWN DISPLAYS FIRE DEFENSE UNITS

Johnstown has been credited with one of the outstanding programs in Pennsylvania during the recent Fire Prevention Week, when an estimated 2,000 firemen gave a massed display of the district's fire defense.

One of the highlights was a parade in which Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council of Defense, rode with Mayor John A. Conway and Fire Chief John A. Moran in a horse-drawn victoria.